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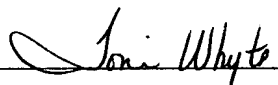
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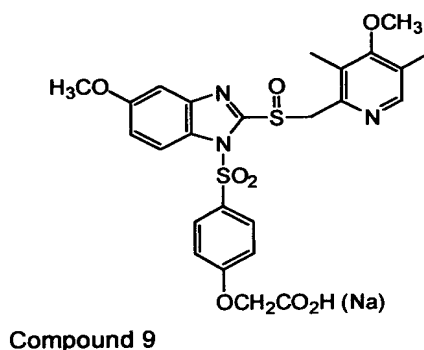
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated April 22, 2004,
applicant elects **Group I** of the claimed subject matter, as that group is

designated in the Requirement. The variable **R** in the elected group is shown by formulas (i) and (iii) in Claim 1.

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species applicant elects **Compound 9**, as a free acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, such as the sodium salt. Compound 9 is shown by the formula below.



Compound 9 is described and shown, as applicable, on pages 75 – 77, 172 and 176 – 178 in the specification. On pages 75 – 77 Compound 9 is shown and described as a mixture with its isomer Compound 10, whereas on pages 172 and 176 – 178 the preparation of isomerically pure Compound 9 is described.

Claims 1, 3, 6 – 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 28 – 32 read on the elected compound.

The Requirements for Restriction and Election of Species are respectfully traversed on the basis that, in applicant's opinion, a search directed to the entire subject matter of the claims would not present an undue hardship.

Please AMEND the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: Please Cancel Claim 33 and amend Claims 1 and 16 as set forth below in the Complete Listing of All Pending Claims.